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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Benton et al. Paper No: 13

Serial No.: 09/918,410 Group Art Unit: 1712

Filed: July 30, 2001 Examiner: Tucker, P.C.

Title: Hydrophobe Associative Polymers and Compositions  
and Methods Employing Them

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action (Paper No./Mail Date 13) mailed on September 16, 2004. A Petition for a third month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is included with this paper; applicants previously paid for a two month extension of time for response to the final Office Action.

There are no amendments to the Specification.

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Remarks begin on page 10.

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